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Applicant

: Kaoru ARAI et al.

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: CERAMIC COMPOSITE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response November 4, 2003.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and government fees associated therewith should not be required. However, if for any reason an extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 - A Request for Extension of Time.

X No Additional Fee.

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Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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